



STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING - 02.24.15



## HOW BIG SHOULD POWELL BE?

- Annex remainder of Powell Road
- Don't grow too fast
- Be more aggressive with annexation / plan for undeveloped land
- Sawmill Road, Home Road and railroad tracks are prime ground - revenue generation
- Create a new center north of Powell as an alternative to downtown
- Consider merging with Liberty Township



## Public Workshop Summary & Mindmixer Activity

## WHAT ARE YOUR IDEAS TO IMPROVE THE TRAFFIC SITUATION IN THE COMMUNITY?

- Four Corners intersection is the transportation issue --- almost all of the conversation focused on this topic
- Residents believe that most of the traffic at the intersection is going to/from the Zoo and Polaris
- Encourage alternate forms of travel, i.e. light rail from Dublin to Polaris
- Create a more effective downtown bypass
- Some advocate widening Olentangy and Liberty to add left turn lanes
- Others want to eliminate all left turns (at all times)
- Improve signage to divert traffic
- Use Seldom Seen Road as a bypass to downtown
- Create an overpass/underpass at railroad crossing(s)

## WHAT TYPES OF PARK AND OPEN SPACE AMENITIES WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IN POWELL?

- Connect bike paths (fill gaps), both within Powell and in the Township
- Create a bike connection from downtown Powell to Highbanks
- Require developers to dedicate more open space
- Create a more effective downtown bypass
- Preserve the Bennett Farm

## HOW SHOULD POWELL RESPOND TO REGIONAL TRENDS?

- Much discussion about appropriate housing types and locations
- Recognition of need for senior housing/downsizing options/aging in place
- Little expectation for housing demand among younger groups
- Quality of housing is important
- Some support for residential in downtown, but not rental/apartments, and not next to the railroad tracks
- Concern with downtown housing impact on transportation
- Need to improve walkability downtown and elsewhere

## HOW CAN POWELL BOLSTER REVENUE FOR THE SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURE THAT THE COMMUNITY DESIRES?

- Need to provide incentives to lure jobs
- Focus employment uses on Home Road/Sawmill Parkway
- Encourage medical services to respond to aging population
- Interest in fiscal impact of zoo and schools
- Encourage home-based businesses
- Encourage small and medium-sized businesses
- Diversify employment in downtown

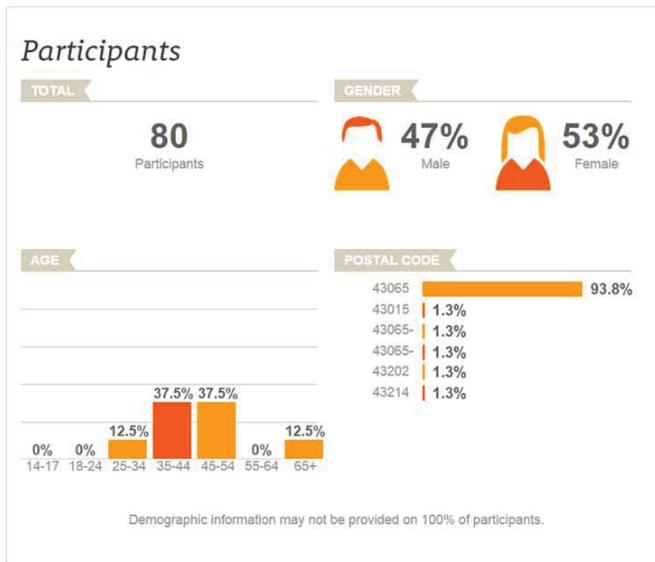
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# PROJECT SCHEDULE

## PLANNING PROCESS AT A GLANCE

